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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the final Office Action, dated July 26, 2005, and is timely filed with the accompanying request for a three-month extension of time, request for continued examination and payment of the associated fees. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are presented on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.